New technique to treat eye cancer

1852. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad has devised a method to treat eye cancer with accurately targetted radiation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the technique in other major eye hospitals in the country; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to introduce the technique in other major eye hospitals in the country.

(c) Question does not arise.

Increase in dengue and malaria

1853. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many dangerous diseases like dengue and malaria are alarmingly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to eradicate/ prevention of the said diseases;

(c) the details of affected people in Karnataka by the above diseases for the past three years; and

(d) the details of the assistance provided to Karnataka by Government for the prevention of the above diseases during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per reports received from the States, there has been an overall decline in the incidence of dengue and malaria during the year 2002 (upto October) as compared to that of 2001.

(b) Strategies adopted for prevention and control Dengue, Malaria and other vector-borne diseases include:—

- Early case detection and prompt treatment
- Selective vector control
- Promotion of personal protection methods
- Early detection and containment of epidemics
- Information, Education and Communication towards personal prevention and community participation
- Institutional and Management Capacity Building, Trained Manpower Development and efficient Management Information System (MIS)
- Issuance of advance warning to States/UTs suggesting all the preventive and control measures.

(c) As per reports received from Karnataka, the number of malaria and dengue cases during the past three years were as under:—

Year	No. of Malaria cases	No. of Dengue Cases
1999	97274	39
2000	109118	168
2001	197625	202

(d)The Central assistance under National Anti-Malaria Programme in the form of anti-malaria drugs and insecticides provided to Karnataka during the last three years was as under:—

Year	Rs. in Lakhs
1999-2000	229.29
2000-01	233.36
2001-02	538.57

Cleanliness in Government Hospitals

†1854. SHRIDARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Government hospitals

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